operative Store was managed by the close relatives of the said Assistant Manager; and

(c) if so, what disciplinary action Government contemplate to take against the said two officers?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) NCCF have reported that its Delhi Branch had supplied HMT watches to the Pahari Dhiraj Consumer Cooperative Store, Delhi worth Rs. 35.38 lakhs only during 1979-80.

(b) and (c) One Assistant Manager who was then in-charge of the General Merchandise Section of the Delhi Branch was alegedly involved in the malpractices in the supplies. The matter was investigated by the NCCF. On the basis of the enquiry conducted explanations of the Branch Manager and the Assistant Manager were called.

(c) The case against the Assistant Manager was dropped in October, 1982 which was formally communicated to him in February, 1984, on the ground that the Assistant Manager was working under the control and supervision of Branch Manager and it was the duty of the Branch Manager, to supervise his work and issue necessary instructions/guidelines for proper distribution of goods.

The then Branch Manager, Delhi under suspension has been chargesheeted for various ommisions and commissions including indiscriminate supplies of HMT watches to M/s. Pahari Dhiraj Consumer Cooperative Store. The oral enquiry under the rules has been completed against him and reports submitted to Central Vigilance Commission for their advice in June, 1989. Further action will be taken after Central Vigilance Commission's advice is received.

Authenticity of certificate issued by Regional Manager of NCCF

86. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1281 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th May, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the NCCF have since examined the authenticity of the certificate alleged to have been issued by the then Regional Manager (West) of the NCCF in 1981 towards receipt of 1300 Mtrs non-basmati rice from HAFED at Kandla Port; and

(b) if so, what are the findings and what action is being taken by Government against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) It has been reported by the NCCF that HAFED have claimed to have supplied rice in 1981 of following quantities:

PR-106	437 MTs.
IR-8	6980.15 MTs.

Out of the above mentioned stocks, receipt of 395.5 MTs of IR-8 rice has been denied by NCCF. Value of these stocks is Rs. 9.28 lakhs. NCCF have not been given the original, so-called receipt issued by the then Regional Manager (West), by HAFED so far in spite of repeated requests.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Sugar, Rice and Wheat

87. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the F.O.B. Value, ocean freight and landed price, in Indian ports, of Sugar, rice and wheat, being imported from abroad;

(b) the names of the foreign vendors of these commodities;

(c) the mode of purchases of these items and whether these are made by floating public tenders or by negotiations; and

(d) what are the comparative varieties of Indian produce of rice and wheat, being imported?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) There was no import of wheat during 1989-90. However a quantity of 5,23,690 tonnes of rice on FOB and C&F basis, and 2,41,750 tonnes of sugar on C&F basis was imported during this period. The valuewise provisional details of rice imported on FOB basis are as under:

	Item of value	Quantity (in tonnes)	Amount (in US $)
(1)	Fob Cost	2,64,435·6	722,92,390·30
(2)	Ocean Freight Including Insurance . . .	Do	93,72,410·18

Besides, the C&F cost of 238,061 tonnes of rice imported is estimated at US$ 705,30.33,6.67 while the C&F Cost of 21,193.2 tonnes of rice purchased in rupee payment was Rs. 11,74,51,515.89.

The CIF cost of sugar purchase was US $ 12,56,73,070. The average landed cost which includes stevedoring and port clearance charges are estimated at Rs. 5,174.25 per tonnes in case of rice imported on C&F and FOB basis and at Rs. 9,037.40 per tonne for sugar which was exclusively purchased on CIF basis.

(b) Names of foreign vendors:

Rice

1. M/s. Cimmco Ltd., Singapore.
2. M/s. G. Premjee Trading Pvt. Ltd., Singapore.
3. M/s. Siam Industrial Co. Ltd., France.
4. M/s. Oryza Co. Ltd., Bangkok.
5. M/s. Merkuria Sucden, Singapore.
6. M/s. Koospol Foreign Trade Co. Ltd., Leninovia, Czechoslovakia.
7. M/s. P. T. Prima Gomexindo Jakarta, Indonesia.
8. M/s. Hong Yiah Seng Co. Ltd., Bangkok.
9. Government of Thailand.
10. Central Food Corporation of Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vinafood), (a public undertaking of the Vietnam Government) Hochi Minh City.

Sugar

1. M/s. Anglo Chemical Commodities, London.
2. M/s. Jean Lion & Ecle, Paris.
3. M/s. Sucden Kerry International, Paris.
4. M/s. Gill & Duffus, Geneva.
5. M/s. Rionda (London) Ltd., London.
6. M/s. SA Sucre Export, Belgium.

(c) The purchase of sugar was finalised by floating tenders, Rice was purchased first on the basis of Government to Government negotiations and thereafter balance quantity through public tenders, negotiations and counter trade deal.

(d) The imported varieties of rice conform to Superfine and Fine Indian varieties.

Delay in setling Pension Cases

89. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints of delay in settling pension cases as on date, details thereof and the number of those which have been settled and those which are still pending; and